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CONTRACT FARMING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some private companies/big industrial houses have resorted to contract farming by leasing land of farmers and making advance payments to the farmers for procurement of agricultural produce including foodgrains;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the names of such companies;

(c) whether any loan have been advanced to such companies by public sector banks/financial institutions for undertaking contract farming;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(e) whether such contract farming is likely to create shortage of various agricultural produce including foodgrains in the country; and

(f) if so, the remedial steps being taken by the Government to check such activities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (f): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.